Broad policy on National Security

†798. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a broad policy on National Security; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government has reconstituted the National Security Council (NSC) on June 25, 2004. The newly constituted NSC is chaired by the Prime Minister with the Ministers of Home Affairs, Defence, External Affairs and Finance as members. The Government also reconstituted the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) comprising eminent experts on national security from outside the Government.

The NSAB together with the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) examine national security issues and propose policy guidelines to the National Security Advisor and the NSC.

Border fencing along LoC

799. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after fencing of a 700 kilometres stretch of the LoC, the army has undertaken the work of erecting another fence along the Zero Line to act as first line of defence against infiltration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of money earmarked for the purpose and the targets set for completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) There is no proposal under consideration for construction of another fence along the Line of Control (LoC).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Financial support by public sector undertakings

800. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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